

(f) *The department's executive director or the executive director's designee may suspend or rescind approval under this section for one or more of the following reasons:*

- (1) *a change in pavement conditions;*
- (2) *a change in traffic conditions;*
- (3) *a geometric change in roadway configuration;*
- (4) *construction or maintenance activity; or*
- (5) *emergency or incident management.*

(g) *The department shall erect and maintain official traffic-control devices necessary to implement and enforce an order issued and approved under this section.*

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

Passed the Senate on March 24, 2003: Yeas 30, Nays 0; passed the House on May 24, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Approved June 20, 2003.

Effective September 1, 2003.

CHAPTER 847

S.B. No. 526

AN ACT

relating to the San Jacinto River Authority board of directors.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 6, Chapter 426, Acts of the 45th Legislature, Regular Session, 1937, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 6. The management and control of all the affairs of said District shall be vested in, and the powers, rights, privileges, and functions of the District shall be exercised by a Board of Directors consisting of six (6) members, all of whom shall be freehold property taxpayers and legal voters of the State of Texas *and four (4) of whom shall be residents of a county wholly encompassed by the District.* Members of such Board of Directors shall be appointed by the Governor [~~State Board of Water Engineers~~] for terms of six (6) years. Provided, the present Board of six (6) directors of said District, appointed by the State Board of Water Engineers under authority of House Bill No. 1094, Chapter 613, Acts of the Regular Session of the Forty-seventh Legislature, amending Section 6 of Chapter 426, Acts of the Regular Session of the Forty-fifth Legislature, as amended by House Bill No. 828, Chapter 480, Acts of the Regular Session of the Forty-seventh Legislature, for terms of two (2), four (4), and six (6) years, shall continue to serve as such until the expiration of the respective terms for which they were appointed. Upon the expiration of the terms for which the present members of the Board of Directors were appointed, the successors of each and all of them shall be appointed by the Governor [~~State Board of Water Engineers~~] for a term of six (6) years.

The Directors shall hold office after their appointment and qualification until their successors shall be appointed and qualified. Should any vacancy occur in the Board of Directors, the same shall be filled in like manner by the Governor [~~State Board of Water Engineers~~] for the unexpired term. The Directors appointed shall, within thirty (30) days after their appointment, qualify by taking the official oath required of County Commissioners, and shall execute bond in the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) payable to the District, the sufficiency of which bond shall be determined by the Governor [~~State Board of Water Engineers~~], which bonds after being recorded in the official bond records of the county in which the District maintains its office shall be deposited with the depository selected and approved for the deposit of the funds of the District.

The Board of Directors shall organize by electing one of its members President, one Vice-President, one Secretary, and one Treasurer. Four (4) members, including the presiding officer, shall constitute a quorum to transact business. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board and shall be the chief executive officer of the District. The Vice-President shall act as President in case of the absence or disability of the President. The Secretary shall act as Secretary of the Board and shall be charged with the duty of keeping a record of all proceedings and all orders of the Board. The Treasurer shall receive and receipt for all moneys received by the District and shall keep books and records of all moneys received and expended. In case of the absence or inability of the Secretary to act, a Secretary pro tem shall be selected by the Directors.

The domicile of the District shall be in the City of Conroe, in the County of Montgomery, Texas, where the District shall maintain its principal office. The Board of Directors shall have authority to fix the time, place and number of meetings of such Board by proper resolutions, regulations and bylaws passed by said Board. Said Board shall cause to be kept complete and accurate accounts conforming to approved methods of bookkeeping. Said accounts and all contracts, documents, and records of the District shall be kept at said principal office, and same shall be open to public inspection at all reasonable times.

SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act to Section 6, Chapter 426, Acts of the 45th Legislature, Regular Session, 1937, relating to the appointment and qualifications of members of the board of directors of the San Jacinto River Authority do not affect the entitlement of a member of the board of directors serving immediately before the effective date of this Act to continue to serve on the board of directors for the term to which the member was appointed. As the terms of the members of the board of directors expire or as vacancies on the board of directors occur, the governor shall make appointments to the board of directors as provided by Section 6, Chapter 426, Acts of the 45th Legislature, Regular Session, 1937, as amended by this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

Passed the Senate on April 10, 2003: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 23, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Approved June 20, 2003.

Effective September 1, 2003.

CHAPTER 848

S.B. No. 529

AN ACT

relating to temporarily exempting emergency medical services personnel who serve a rural area of the state from certain legal requirements.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 773, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 773.0045 to read as follows:

Sec. 773.0045. TEMPORARY EXEMPTIONS FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL PRACTICING IN RURAL AREA. (a) In this section, "rural area" means:

(1) a county with a population of 50,000 or less; or

(2) a relatively large, isolated, and sparsely populated area in a county with a population of more than 50,000.

(b) The department on a case-by-case basis may temporarily exempt emergency medical services personnel who primarily practice in a rural area from a requirement imposed either by Section 773.050 or 773.055 or by a rule adopted by the department under Section 773.050 or 773.055 if specific circumstances that affect the rural area served by the emergency